

## JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 17 DECEMBER 1993

CASE: 0846

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

20 January 1976

## ===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0846-1-01 (ACCNO 5288)      Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: KING, RONALD RUNYAN      Date Status assigned: 3 Nov 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	04	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	GREY	Weapon	#
Serial No		Height	69 in / 1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	1 Nov 1926	Weight	165 lb / 74.7 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	\$

## ===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	WATER SITE	
UTM:	48QYE750400	48QYE690401
Lat/Long:	173151N / 1073526E	173157N / 1073203E
Country:	OVER WATER - VN	
Military Region:	\$	
Mission Province:	VN - OVERWATER	
(formerly):		
Mission District:	VN - OVERWATER	
Mission Date:	3 Oct 1967	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	None.	

## ===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

No Information Available

## ===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	F105D	Serial:	1824
Crash Type:	Aircraft accident	Engine Type:	J75
Call Sign:	SCOTCH 02	1 Serial:	612233
Year:	59	2 Serial:	\$

## ===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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ON 3 OCT 67 MAJ RONALD R. KING WAS THE PILOT OF AN F105D AIRCRAFT, (#59-1824), ENROUTE TO A COMBAT MISSION WHEN A REFUELING RECEPTACLE MALFUNCTION WAS EXPERIENCED DURING A PRE-STRIKE REFUELING. THE FLIGHT LEADER DIRECTED MAJ KING TO ABORT THE MISSION AND RETURN TO BASE. AFTER COORDINATING WITH GROUND CONTROL, HE RENDEZVOUSED WITH ANOTHER TANKER. DURING ATTEMPTS TO REFUEL, THE TANKER REPORTED STREAKS OF FLAME COMING FROM THE AFT SECTION OF MAJ KING'S AIRCRAFT. MAJ KING BEGAN A TURNING DESCENT AND ASKED THE TANKER TO ALERT RESCUE. THE TANKER FOLLOWED MAJ KING'S AIRCRAFT DOWN AND HE WAS OBSERVED TO EJECT AT 3000 FEET WITH THE AIRCRAFT ON FIRE.

THE TANKER THEN OBSERVED AN OPEN PARACHUTE AND LIFE RAFT ON THE WATER IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YE 690 401. SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS BY A HELICOPTER LOCATED THE LIFE RAFT AT 0934 HOURS. THE PARAMEDIC FOUND THE PILOT ENTANGLED IN THE PARACHUTE, AN APPARENT VICTIM OF DROWNING. HOIST LIFT OF THE BODY WAS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE PARACHUTE ACTED AS A SEA ANCHOR AND THREATENED TO PULL THE HELICOPTER INTO THE 20 FOOT WAVES. A RESCUE VESSEL WAS DISPATCHED TO MAKE THE RECOVERY, BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF DARKNESS. THE SEARCH WAS TERMINATED AT 0230 HOURS. (REF 1)

ON 3 NOVEMBER 1975 THE ARMED SERVICES GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICE BOARD OF REVIEW CONCURRED IN THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE REMAINS OF MAJ KING ARE NOT RECOVERABLE AT THIS TIME. SEARCH SHOULD REVERT TO INACTIVE STATUS AND SEARCH OPERATIONS SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED. (REF 2)

AN OVERWATER/AT-SEA CASUALTY RESOLUTION OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1973 TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY/DESIRABILITY OF EXPANDING SUCH OPERATIONS TO BE USED IN CASES SUCH AS THIS. BASED ON THE COMBINED FACTORS OF COST AND LACK OF ANY POSITIVE RESULTS WHATSOEVER, THE AT-SEA OPERATIONS WERE TERMINATED. MAJ KING IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, REMAINS NONRECOVERABLE.

=== REFERENCES ===

20 January 1976

REFERENCES USED: <1> MSG 355TH TFW, AFIN, 59645, 071155Z OCT 67. <2>  
LTR DAAG-CAD-ASGRO, W/ENCLOSURES, 3 NOV 75.

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

13 December 1993

DURING THE 28 JULY 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI, A LIST OF CASES INVOLVING 168 UNACCOUNTED-FOR PERSONNEL PRESUMABLY LOST OVER WATER AT LEAST 10 KILOMETERS FROM THE COAST OF VIETNAM WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. THE VIETNAMESE WERE ASKED TO UNILATERALLY REVIEW THEIR RECORDS FOR RELEVANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE CASES.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

16 April 1976

CHNG INCIDENT LOCATION FM YE 916 571 TO YE 750 400 BASED ON 7AF MSG 040747Z OCT 67 CHNG LAST KNOWN LOCATION TO YE 690 401 BASED ON CINCPAC OPREA.

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 25 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0853-0-01 (ACCNO 0572)	Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: APPLEBY, IVAN DALE	Date Status assigned: 1 Dec 1976	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit DATA
Service AIR FORCE	Sex MALE	Blood type A +
Grade 04	Hair BROWN	Complexion FAIR
SSAN DATA	Eyes BROWN	Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No 000046689	Height 68 in /1.73 mtrs	Weapon No K643382
Birth date 13 Sep 1930	Weight 160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos ACFT CMDR
Home State CALIFORNIA	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QWH156796  
Lat/Long: 203702N / 1050859E  
Country: NORTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 3  
Mission Province: HOA BINH  
(formerly):  
Mission District: TAN LAC  
Mission Date: 7 Oct 1967 0600L  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES  
Folders Passed: Sep 93, Dec 88, Sep 85  
Investigations: Oct 88  
Surveys: Oct 88  
Site Identified: Oct 88  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: DISCREPANCY  
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4D	Serial: 727
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J7915
Call Sign: FALCON 01	1 Serial: 434635
Year: 65	2 Serial: 434640

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